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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT/OPPOSITION COOPERATION

SUMMARY: BIPARTISAN EFFORTS CONTINUE IN NATIONAL SECURITY AREA. NDP QUESTIONS NEED FOR EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9, BUT IT IS CONTINUING TO COOPERATE IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. ROK CIVIC LEADERS MEET WITH PRESIDENT PAK. SEOUL BRANCH OF OPPOSITION NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (NCRD) CLOSES TO WORK FOR "NATIONAL CONSENSUS". END SUMMARY

1. SPECIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY SESSION ON NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENED MAY 17; CLOSED DOOR INTERPELLATIONS BEGAN MAY 19 WITH PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL, MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANSWERING QUESTIONS. PRESS SPECULATES THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT POSITION ON EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9. BIPARTISAN NATIONAL SECURITY RESOLUTION IS SCHEDULED FOR VOTE MAY 21.

2. NDP MAY 19 INTRODUCED RESOLUTION ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR CALLING FOR REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURE. PRESS QUOTES NDP FLOOR LEADER KIM HYONG-IL AS SAYING EXISTING  
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LAWS PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY PROTECTION. HOWEVER,

RESOLUTION HAS BEEN SENT TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WITHOUT DEBATE, AND NDP CONTINUES TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT FOR PASSAGE JOINT RESOLUTION.

3. PRESIDENT PAK MET MAY 17 WITH 105 POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, ACADEMIC, AND PRESS LEADERS FOLLOWING BRIEFING BY KCIA CHIEF ON NORTH KOREAN THREAT. WELL KNOWN NON-GOVERNMENT FIGURES PRESENT AT BRIEFING INCLUDED FORMER NDP LEADERS YU CHIN-O AND KIM UI-TAEK, DUP PRESIDENT YANG IL-TONG, NDP VICE PRESIDENT KO HUNG-MUN, CARDINAL KIM SU-HWAN, EHWA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT KIM OK-KIL, FORMER YONSEI UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT PAEK NAK-CHUN (GEORGE PAK), CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DIRECTOR KANG WON-YONG AND TONGA ILBO PUBLISHER KIM SANG-MAN.

4. SPOKESMAN FOR SEOUL BRANCH OF NCRD ANNOUNCED MAY 19 THAT SEOUL BRANCH OF COUNCIL HAS BEEN CLOSED SO THAT NCRC MAY PARTICIPATE IN MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL CONSENSUS. WE HAVE AS YET NO INFORMATION OF POLICY CHANGE FOR COUNCIL AT NATIONAL LEVEL.

COMMENT: OPEN REACTION TO NEW EMERGENCY MEASURE CONTINUES TO BE GUARDED AND MODERATE; OPPOSITION COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT, AT LEAST FOR TIME, EMERGENCY MEASURE IS HAVING DESIRED EFFECT.  
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